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Delmarva Agriculture Data  
Weekly Broiler Chicks Report

PLACEMENTS DOWN 10%

For the week ending, September 27, 2008, growers placed 10.3 million broiler chicks in growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 10.2% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type hatched (10.3 million) decreased 10.2% from comparable week in 2007. Eggs set in incubators the week totaled 13.3 million, a decrease of 5.9% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.3 million for the week ending September 20, 2008 11.5 million slaughtered during the same week in 2007.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR	PREVIOUS YR	CURRENT YR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
08/02/2008	14,004	13,821	11,767	11,229	11,769	11,230
08/09/2008	14,032	13,718	11,746	11,284	11,746	11,285
08/16/2008	14,127	13,769	11,702	11,595	10,963	11,595
08/23/2008	13,792	13,553	11,599	11,592	11,599	11,593
08/30/2008	13,544	13,459	11,695	11,477	11,695	11,477
09/06/2008	13,615	12,327	11,732	11,549	11,732	11,548
09/13/2008	12,817	12,199	11,483	11,384	11,483	11,383
09/20/2008	13,687	12,093	11,348	11,285	11,348	11,284
09/27/2008	14,114	13,285	11,520	10,343	11,520	10,341

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.  
2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK,  
GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	10/04/2008	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	65.62	68.70	71.71	73.67
12-City Composite 2/	76.66	77.22	79.06	74.12

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.  
2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set, 19 Selected States						
State	Week Ending					
	Aug 23 2008	Aug 30 2008	Sep 6 2008	Sep 13 2008	Sep 20 2008	Sep 27 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	29,744	29,920	*29,707	28,812	28,833	29,424
AR	24,742	24,697	*24,259	23,930	*23,055	23,882
DE	3,544	3,494	3,479	3,310	3,257	3,255
FL	1,306	1,306	1,326	1,151	1,091	1,229
GA	32,909	32,860	*32,439	30,895	30,930	31,746
KY	*7,709	*7,628	*7,378	7,640	7,496	7,792
LA	3,501	3,501	3,501	3,501	3,501	3,183
MD	8,738	8,696	7,578	7,894	7,825	8,760
MS	18,428	17,853	*17,333	17,770	17,912	16,780
NC	18,968	19,130	*18,487	17,695	*18,225	18,311
OK	6,940	6,969	*7,021	7,018	6,893	6,783
PA	3,850	4,396	4,082	*4,058	*3,569	3,986
SC	5,735	5,844	5,208	5,709	5,755	5,249
TX	15,475	14,913	15,271	15,094	13,312	14,011
VA	6,313	6,249	6,294	6,021	5,779	6,140
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,824	*17,434	*18,220	*17,833	*17,271	18,266
19 State Total	*206,726	*204,890	*201,583	*198,331	*194,704	198,797
Previous Year Total	215,662	215,502	208,821	205,863	212,015	207,513
Pct. of Prev. Year	96	95	97	96	92	96

• Revised

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 199 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 27, 2008. This was down 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States						
State	Week Ending					
	Aug 23 2008	Aug 30 2008	Sep 6 2008	Sep 13 2008	Sep 20 2008	Sep 27 2008
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>
AL	20,609	20,496	21,188	21,212	20,194	20,466
AR	22,221	21,575	22,352	21,646	*24,134	22,051
DE	4,978	5,131	4,977	4,870	4,722	4,295
FL	1,124	1,278	1,051	1,004	1,010	980
GA	27,700	27,317	26,821	27,100	26,583	26,615
KY	6,240	6,708	*6,810	*6,307	*5,526	6,034
LA	3,659	3,521	3,243	3,425	3,431	3,260
MD	5,897	5,950	5,519	6,117	5,239	5,025
MS	16,632	16,751	16,258	16,576	16,007	15,503
NC	15,620	15,883	15,655	15,817	*15,628	14,652
OK	4,539	5,076	5,050	5,478	3,400	5,080
PA	3,207	3,128	3,083	*3,094	*3,291	3,270
SC	4,333	4,624	5,130	4,541	5,023	5,132
TX	12,322	12,560	12,925	13,006	12,490	12,781
VA	5,592	4,525	4,720	4,657	5,643	5,374
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,183	*15,640	*15,059	*15,737	*15,737	15,268
19 State Total	*170,856	*170,163	*169,841	*170,587	*168,058	165,786
Previous Year Total	177,243	176,942	175,893	175,527	175,642	171,244
Pct. of Prev. Year	96	96	97	97	96	97

• Revised

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 166 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 27, 2008. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through September 27, 2008 were 6.87 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.